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that concern. The...this was a...this was a fiscal note that would apply before the amendment because the Med Center, primarily, would be affected by a substantial number of dollars because they do pay the medical malpractice insurance for the medical care providers at the Med Center, which approximates 800 care providers. So now with the adoption of that amendment, you will see a second fiscal note that provides that there will only be minimal expense now that we have been able to make the effective date change. So I would ask your adoption of LB 998A. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the opening on LB 998A. Open for discussion. Senator Pederson, there are no lights on. Did you wish...he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption...or the passage of LB 998A. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 998A to E & R Initial. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 998A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 998A does advance. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 962 is a bill originally introduced by Senator Schrock...I'm sorry, by the Natural Resources Committee. (Read title.) Bill as introduced on January 9 of this year, Mr. President. The bill was referred to Natural Resources for public hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending. (AM2733, Legislative Journal page 737.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, as Chairman of Natural Resources Committee, you're recognized to open on LB 962.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the...or Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 962 is the culmination of the Water Task Force that was created with the passage of LB 1003, two years ago. The Water Task Force was